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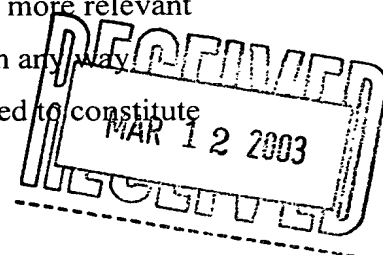
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Submitted herewith are copies of two Japanese Notices Of Reasons For Rejection, the first being dated January 28, 2003, for related Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-339306; and the second being dated February 4, 2003, for related Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-361566. Both documents have English translations thereof attached.

The first Notice (2000-339306) cites the following:

- (1) Hiroshi Murase et al., "Fast Visual Search Using Focused Color Matching – Active Search", Magazine of Institute of Electronic Information Communication (1998-9-25), Vol. J81-D-II, No. 9, pages 2035 through 2042 (**Please note** -- the foregoing article, along with a partial translation thereof, was previously brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office via Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement mailed March 20, 2002, and received by the Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2002, and is thus furnished herewith as a courtesy to the Examiner);
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 63-042406 (MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP), published February 23, 1988;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 01-134573 (KAWASAKI HEAVY IND LTD), published May 26, 1989;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 01-289696 (FANUC LTD), published November 21, 1989;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 05-288520 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), published November 2, 1993;

- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-168331 (SANYO ELECTRIC CO LTD), published June 14, 1994;
- (7) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-245064 (OMRON CORP), published September 2, 1994; and
- (8) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-152912 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), published June 16, 1995.

The second Notice (2000-361566) cites the following:

- (9) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-073309 (HITACHI LTD), published March 17, 1995;
- (10) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-164370 (DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG CO LTD), published June 19, 1998; and
- (11) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-069304 (AI SOFT KK), published March 3, 2000.

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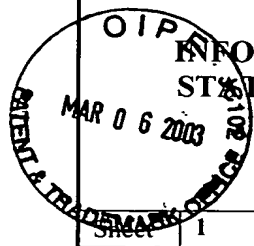


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